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1. THERE FOLLOWS THE SUGGESTED TEXT OF A NOTE WHICH THE EMBASSY MAY USE IN REPLY TO THE FONOFF NOTE OF MARCH 20, 1975. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO HAVE CONCERN OVER THE CAPACITY WHICH FINNAIR PROPOSES TO OFFER ON SERVICES BETWEEN

FINLAND AND THE UNITED STATES, IT IS BELIEVED DESIRABLE TO EVALUATE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE PROPOSED SCHEDULES AND IF NECESSARY TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS TO REVIEW THE DATA ON AN EX POST FACTO BASIS.

2. QUOTE:AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF NOTE 44729 OF MARCH 20, 1975, WITH WHICH WERE TRANSMITTED THE SCHEDULES TO BE OPERATED BY FINNAIR FROM APRIL 1, 1975 THROUGH OCTOBER 26, 1975.

CAREFUL STUDY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTE AND TO THE SCHEDULES ATTACHED.

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WHILE REDUCTIONS IN CERTAIN FREQUENCIES HAVE BEEN NOTED

IT APPEARS THAT THE CAPACITY TO BE OPERATED FROM FINLAND VIA AMSTERDAM TO THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO REPRESENT A MARKED INCREASE OVER THAT OFFERED IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1974. THIS INCREASE, WHEN CONSIDERED IN THE

LIGHT OF ANTICIPATED MARKET DEMANDS, CONTINUES TO BE VIEWED WITH CONCERN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH QUESTIONS WHETHER IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CAPACITY ARTICLES OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FINLAND.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATED THE OFFER OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE DURING THE PROJECTED VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND REGRETS THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE VISIT TO TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TAKES THIS OCCASION TO SUGGEST THAT IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO REVIEW CARRIER OPERATIONS BETWEEN FINLAND AND THE UNITED STATES DURING THE FORTHCOMING SEASON AND, IF APPROPRIATE, AT A LATER DATE TO SET A SUITABLE TIME AND PLACE FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE DATA WHICH BECOMES AVAILABLE. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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